



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

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Minutes of the Meeting for
13 May 2005

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 13 May 2005, for the last time in the library of the Berylwood Officers Club. The meeting was called to order by past Chapter President Steve Hurst, due to President Richard Hawley being in the hospital, recovering from shoulder surgery yesterday. Following the invocation and pledges to the flag and SAR, the members adjourned to the buffet. In attendance were eight compatriots: J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Bill Henry, Gary Smith, Frank Budroe, Mark Drury, Robert Colbern and Robert Taylor; and three guests, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Pauline Drury, and Mrs. Rosemarie Risley. Joe Coffman was absent due to his wife, Patty, having an operation today. Steve Hurst reconvened the meeting following the luncheon, and called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 8 April 2005 were distributed, discussed and accepted. Correction noted was under New Business, third paragraph, where Jerry Berger's name was misspelled.

The treasurer's report was distributed by Ron Risley due to Richard Caldwell being deployed to Germany, and approved.

The registrar reported the applications for Mark Drury and William Henry were approved 18 and 28 April, respectively, and membership certificates were presented. The applications for Gary Smith's brothers, Robert and Bruce, were submitted 20 April. The supplemental application for Steve Hurst's fourth ancestor, John Pound, was approved 27 April. Raymond Duquette (ancestor Benjamin Allain) has submitted application papers and was accepted as an associate member. Jim Shepherd submitted an application for his fourth ancestor.

The chaplain's report was presented. The chaplain announced he will be returning to Oregon.

Other reports:

One Eagle Scout candidate was forwarded from State.

Ron Risley reported on the SAR State meeting, which was described as an excellent meeting. President Hawley, Ron and Rosemarie Risley represented the chapter at the meeting, which was held at the Wyndam Gardens Hotel. Several songs were played from a CD of the Celebration USA group who provided the meeting's entertainment. The group of children were organized by Paula Burton, a naturalized citizen from Holland.

Old Business:

Steve Hurst reported the status of the Valley Forge Contest. There has been no response from State regarding the submitted application.

Steve Hurst formally offered thanks for the books distributed at the last meeting by the secretary.

Bob Taylor discussed a STAR article highlighting the Knight essay contest winner, Dallas Nicole Woodburn, who is a very civically-active young lady. Status of essay at the State level unknown.

New Business:

New members Mark Drury and William Henry were formally sworn in and presented with their membership certificates.

Plans to honor Memorial Day at Ivy Lawn Cemetery were discussed. Ron Risley and Steve Hurst will represent the chapter. No plans for Conejo Mountain Cemetery in Camarillo. Memorial Day is one of two days honored, the other being Veterans Day.

Mr Pat Fitzgerald, principal of Las Colinas middle school in Camarillo and a 34-year member of the Pleasant Valley School District, was nominated and approved for the silver Good Citizenship award as educator of year. Award to be presented during the Spirit of America awards (2 bronze and 6 outstanding citizenship), which are presented to outstanding students of the Camarillo Pleasant Valley District middle schools.

Due to the change in status of the Berylwood Officer's Club, which will cease providing a buffet luncheon, the executive committee was tasked with selecting a meeting place for next month's meeting.

For the program, Ron Risley presented a review of the American settler's in Nova Scotia and their failed attempts to join the United States as the 14th state. Inability to get a representative to the first Continental Congress prevented recognition and support.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, 10 June 2005, at a place yet to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.